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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Roberto Arce, Jr., charging him with one count of distributing approximately one kilogram of cocaine, one count of possessing with intent to distribute two additional kilograms of cocaine, and two counts of committing these crimes within a school zone. According to the charges, on April 30, 2008, Mr. Arce sold one kilogram of cocaine to an undercover Philadelphia police officer in a parking lot at 3100 Frankford Avenue. Mr. Arce was arrested, and, in a subsequent search of the vehicle that he was driving, police recovered two additional kilograms of cocaine that Mr. Arce intended to distribute. Mr. Arce is further charged with having committed these crimes within 1000 feet of Mastbaum Technical High School, 3116 Frankford Avenue.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME | ADDRESS | AGE |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Roberto Arce, Jr. | Camden, New Jersey | 25 years old |

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of up to 240 years of imprisonment, an eight year period of supervised release up to a lifetime of supervised release, a \$12,000,000 fine and a \$400 mandatory special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Philadelphia Police Department, and it is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Caputo.

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